

Minutes
Longmont Neighborhood Group Leaders Association
June 19, 2008
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Mark Lowe
Meeting agenda: motioned & approved with changes
Meeting minutes (5/15/08): motioned & approved

Police Updates — Longmont Police Chief Mike Butler discussed the increasing problem with graffiti in Longmont and what would be an appropriate citizen response to it. He is trying to solicit our assistance. The Police Department can't be everywhere at once, but the citizenry can be. Call 911 when you see an incident in progress; otherwise call 303-774-4327. Get out and about. Graffiti begets more graffiti, so try to aid in its eradication. Call the City for assistance. You can do eradication yourself for free by calling Code Enforcement at 303-651-8691 and getting a voucher for materials. DO NOT confront people regarding graffiti. The Police Department is freeing up resources to more effectively deal with graffiti, which currently costs the City \$47,000 per year.

Staff Updates —Jon Clarke reported that activity grant applications would be mailed out soon. The NIP Grant committee will meet sometime this summer. The NGLA picnic will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. August 2nd at Lanyon Park, 19th and Collyer. Neighborhood Night Out kits will be available at the picnic.

Jon passed out one copy of the just printed Longmont Neighborhood Guide to each neighborhood represented at the meeting. A web version is also available.

Presentation — Don Haddad, Deputy Superintendent of the St. Vrain Valley School District, spoke to the members about why he felt the voters should support a mill levy override if the School Board decides to place the issue on the November ballot. Don does not subscribe to the theory that more money equals better education, but the schools do need enough to operate on. He wants us to get the facts before we go to the polls and not simply rely on letters to the editor.

A discussion and Q & A followed. \$15 – 16MM generated from a mill levy override would allow SVVSD to

1. Bring back 85 positions that were just cut
2. Increase teacher salaries a little
3. Add instruction programs
4. Increase Police presence in all secondary schools

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Public Invited to be heard — Jerry Esposito requested that we hear from the organized opposition, if any, regarding the proposed mill levy override. **By motion duly made and seconded**, the members agreed to devote a portion of the September meeting to a pro-con discussion of the mill levy override proposal.

We should all look at neighborhoodlink.com

By motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George C. Nowell".

George C. Nowell, Secretary